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Applicant : Kouji Sakai)
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SYSTEM)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing references that are also enclosed. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits, and presumably no fee is required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). If a first Office Action on the merits was mailed before the mailing date of this Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Applicant would also like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending patent application(s): Serial No. 09/745,348, filed December 21, 2000, entitled VEHICLE SUSPENSION APPARATUS, in the name(s) of Seiji Sawai, and assigned to Yamaha Hatsudoki Kabushiki Kaisha; Serial No. 09/709,969, filed November 10, 2000, entitled VEHICLE SUSPENSION SYSTEM, in the name of Kouji Sakai, and assigned to Yamaha Hatsudoki Kabushiki Kaisha; Serial No. 09/377,448, filed August 19, 1999, entitled VEHICLE SUSPENSION SYSTEM, in the name of Koji Sakai and assigned to Yamaha Hatsudoki

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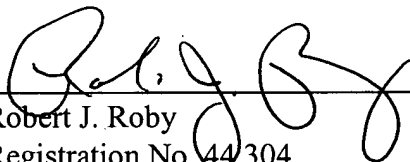
Kabushiki Kaisha. A copy of these applications are enclosed and these applications are listed on form PTO-1449.



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